

THE BULLETIN

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Happy New Year! INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO ADDRESS OPC

CALENDAR

Monday, January 8 — Jazz Night. Overseas Jazz Club's Twilight Concert. Starring David Amram, jazz composer, conductor and instrumentalist. 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9 — Indian Regional Dinner. Speaker: The Honorable Lakshmi Kant Jha, Indian ambassador to the United States. Favours, garlands and curry. Myra Waldo, chairman.

Thursday, January 11 — Book Night, Honoring Sir Rudolph Bing, author of "5000 Nights at the Opera." Cocktails, 6 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Reservations a must.

Monday, January 15 — Hawaiian Regional Dinner. Myra Waldo, chairman.

Tuesday, January 16 — Talking Shop with Jean Shepherd of WOR, author of *The Ferrari in the Bedroom*, to be published January 8.

Monday, January 22 (Tentative) — Luncheon with Klaus Schuetz, Governing Mayor of the City of Berlin.

Tuesday, January 30, 8:15 p.m. Music Night. Mary Beth Peil, soprano, New York City Opera, accompanied by Jerry Kirkbride, clarinetist.

The Indian Ambassador to the United States, the Hon. Lakshmi Kant Jha, will be the speaker at the OPC's Indian Regional Dinner on Tuesday, January 9.

The dinner will commemorate India's 25th year of independence and will enable OPCers to partake of India's food, art and culture. For instance:

A cocktail party starting at 6 p.m. will feature Indian knick-knacks. An Air India hostess will greet each guest with a garland.

An authentic Indian curry dinner will be served and there will be an Indian fashion show, with guests invited to model Indian-designed clothes. And there will be door prizes galore, including 10 objets d'art which have been shipped from India.

There will also be table favours for everybody from Air India.

Greeting the guests as they arrive will be a photo exhibit on India lining the OPC's long corridor.

Myra Waldo, OPC's travel expert and gourmet food expert, is in general charge of Indian evening.

Hawaii Night at OPC!

Just in case you haven't heard, January 15 is the beginning of the Third Annual Aloha Week in New York. It also is the date of the festive Hawaii Regional Dinner at the Overseas Press Club.

Don't let those British-looking flags flying on Fifth Avenue fool you — they are the flags of the State of Hawaii which many believe were designed by Captain Vancouver for King Kamehameha the First.

And starting with Mai Tais at 6 p.m. Monday, January 15, we will salute the State of Hawaii with a real live Hoolaulea, complete from Lomi Lomi Salmaon to Banana Cream Dessert by our own *Myra Waldo*.

The swish and swirl of ti leaf skirts to the beat and flash of the uli uli and ipu to the strumming of the ukeleles comes direct from Hawaiian and Aloha Airlines via friendly United.

Hawaiian hula dancers, native musicians, authentic door prizes — it all adds up to a fun evening Hawaiian style.

And for you swingers of the sixties, Tommy Sands, now resident in Hawaii, will be here to give you a little behind the scenes scoop on Waikiki after dark.

This will be a sell-out so get your reservations in early. Call Mary Novick at 581-8700.

Sir Rudolph Bing Book Night Speaker

Sir Rudolph Bing, for 22 years the controversial and always news-making general manager of the Metropolitan Opera Association, will give a "behind the scenes" picture of his Met career at the Overseas Press Club on Thursday, January 11.

The occasion will be an OPC Book Night, under the chairmanship of *Anita Diamant Berke*.

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MEMORIAL TO FALLEN CORRESPONDENTS: Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird, left, Deputy Secretary of Defense Kenneth Rush, (center) and others are shown examining a roster of American war correspondents killed in combat since Dec. 7, 1941. The roster is part of the Correspondents Corridor, a section of the Pentagon, recently dedicated to present and past correspondents who have covered U.S. war activities around the world. Laird in his dedicatory speech paid tribute to the correspondents who have given "honored service to the nation." The OPC helped assemble the names of 60 correspondents honored.



SANTA CLAUS COMES TO THE OPC: The OPC's annual Christmas party provided fun and toys for more than 60 OPC tikes and their parents. Photo shows Santa (Phil Fried of Monsanto) trying to force a couple of toys on two guests, Michael Crissan, 3, right, and his cousin, David Livingstone, also 3. Chairman of the party was Michael Crissan Sr., who reported that kids complained because their shopping bags were too full.

CHORALE LAUNCHED AT OPC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FETE

'Twas a season to be jolly, and perhaps the jolliest party of all during the recent Yuletide season was the Overseas Press Club's annual party for children, members' children. More than 60 bright-eyed moppets and their parents descended on the OPC on Dec. 18 for a party for which only 12 parents had made reservations.

In spite of the possible chaos, a lively time was had. A magician (furnished by Monsanto) charmed the children with his contrived ineptness. Santa Claus (portrayed by *Phil Freid*, eastern P.R. manager for Monsanto) was properly obese and merry.

But best of all was the founding and first public appearance of the new *Howard Johnson* chorale. *Howard Johnson*, who just a month or so ago underwent open heart surgery, sat down at the piano and nobody laughed. They joined him in singing Christmas carols, and soon a chorus was launched, including many of the finest voices in the OPC.

The happy and enthusiastic carolers included such master singers as *Jay Brennan*, *Rob Roy Buckingham*, *Peter Arnett*, *Jim Beizer*, *Ralph Leviton* and *Sol Zatt*. Sol Zatt?

Christmas was also observed at the Club's annual festive Christmas dinner, held on Dec. 20 in the main dining room. After a dinner of roast Maryland turkey with trimmings, fruit and vegetables, the happy guests heard Phillip Hanson, "A Company of One," portray that most cherished of Yuletide stories, "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens.

J. Wendell Sether was master of ceremonies. The Music Committee under *Jack Frummer* arranged the program.

LETTER FROM BONN

By CARL KOCH

Comings: Dave Nagy (UPI) arriving with family in Bonn after a long stint in Moscow. Observation: "Warmer rain here."

And goings: Len Will (ABC) after three-year hitch back to the USA for a look-see at greener pastures. ABC buochief Lou Cioffi screening applicants for the radio-reporter job between rush visits to Paris to cover Kissinger. Required for the job: knowledge of German, some news experience, preferably young and good radio voice for a stringer job which might develop into a staff post.

And goings-on: Radio Free Europe rejected at recent North Atlantic Assembly meeting as recipient of NATO funds for future operations. Present RFE budget runs out in mid-73. Meanwhile staff changes at the Munich-located broadcasting station includes News Director Nathan Kingsley leaving for dpty news chief posting with VOA in Washington and Fritz Oppen moving from Vienna to Brussels as buochief there.

Post-election silliness: NYT's Dave Binder getting early morning anonymous threatening calis. Dave: "No problem. But who wants to be awakened at five in the AM?" The caller apparently irked that NYT coverage supposedly favored winner Brandt over loser Barzel in 19 November national elections.

New Members:

Resident Associate

Dr. Emanuel Demby, Motivational Programers, Inc.

Reinstatement

Jerome Block.

Sumner Glimcher, Mass Communications, Inc.

Free-Lance Writer Service Offered

Some of America's best writers are members of the Overseas Press Club and an effort is now being made to offer this professional talent to all media on a special assignment basis, according to Mark J. Henehan, chairman of the OPC Placement Committee.

The first step will be setting up a file of members who are available for free-lance assignments. Lack of clerical help makes it necessary to put this project on a "do-it-yourself" basis so members wishing to participate are asked to cooperate by following these instructions:

Use a 3" x 5" lined white file card for making the following type-written entries: your last name first on top line, left-hand side; on right-hand side indicate the field in which you are most qualified by experience (business and financial, travel, politics, etc.). Enter full address and telephone number on 2nd and 3rd lines. On 5th and 6th lines give a brief sketch of experiences as well as list other fields of interest. Cards are to be mailed to the Placement Committee at the Club as soon as possible.

After the file has been established, the second step will be an all-out promotion campaign. Letters, describing this OPC service, will be sent to local advertising and public relations agencies and other potential users of writing talent. Prompt action by members will make it possible for this project to be fully operational by March 1st.

The Placement Committee is still making a strong effort to locate job openings as there are still many highly competent members "on the beach." Anyone knowing of any open spots, please call or write: Mark J. Henehan, Resnick-Henehan Associates, 1775 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10019. Phone: 247-3537.

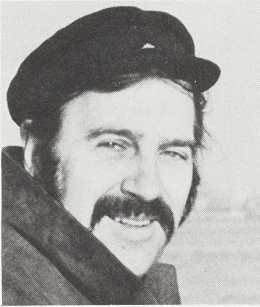
Remember:

February 14, 5:30 p.m. Overseas Jazz Club Twilight jazz with Sam Wooding, dean of American jazz overseas, who headed first American jazz band in the U.S.S.R. in 1926 and ambassador of American jazz throughout the world for 40 years.

Jean Shepherd to Talk, What Else?

Jean Shepherd, raconteur, radio and TV personality who was dubbed "The Talker" in a recent profile in The Wall Street Journal, will kick off the OPC's 1973 "Talking Shop With ..." series on January 16th.

Shepherd's nightly show is heard on stations in 40 states and has the largest following of listeners of any single commentator on the air. His personal appearances have packed stadiums seating over thirty thousand fans.



Jean Shepherd

Shepherd, who is never long on reticence, refused, however, to reveal the topic of his talk before the OPC.

Shepherd broke into radio at 16 when he ran a sports program in Hammond, Indiana. In 1958, his ad lib musings became an overnight hit with insomniacs and other varieties of "night people."

Shepherd will be the first TV and radio personality to appear on the OPC's Shop Talk program. During the 1972 season, all of the participants were from the print media. Among them were William Attwood, Harrison Salisbury, Peter Arnett, Stan Swinton and Norman Cousins.

The Shepherd program will run from 5 to 7 p.m. Reservations can be made by phoning Mary Novick (581-8700). There is no charge and the open bar sets up for business at 5 p.m. Professionals from all media are invited.

NEW COLOR TVs AT CLUB

Two new RCA color television sets now grace the club, thanks to good friends at RCA. The 23" sets are now installed and working quite satisfactorily on rabbit ears antennas (cable TV is not yet available.)

The loan of the sets was personally handled by Ben French, director, Community Relations, who not only obtained the sets for the OPC but rejoined the Club as a result. So the Club got two TV sets plus a renewed membership.

Thanks, RCA. Welcome back, Ben.

S. Moluccan Girls Dance Way Into OPC Hearts

By HERBERT KUPFERBERG

The OPC entered the international dance scene on Dec. 6 when it provided the stage for the U.S. debut of the South Moluccan Dance Group, a corps of 24 colorfully costumed young girls.

The dancers are the cultural ambassadors of the Government-in-Exile of South Molucca, a group of islands formerly part of the Netherlands East Indies and since 1950 under the sway of Indonesia. Some 30,000 South Moluccan exiles are currently resident in the Netherlands and are seeking to have their case heard by the United Nations.

The visit of the dance troupe to the OPC was arranged by Pelpina Sahureka, who is foreign minister of the exiled government. An attractive girl in her 20s, she undoubtedly is the youngest and prettiest foreign minister in history.

The girls of the dance group were similarly attractive. Most of them are students in Holland and are non-professional dancers. But they moved with grace and sinuousness through a series of war dances, flower dances and handkerchief dances that drew the approval of the large audience. They were accompanied by their own musical ensemble playing homemade instruments and ukeleles that indicated a relationship with Hawaiian music.



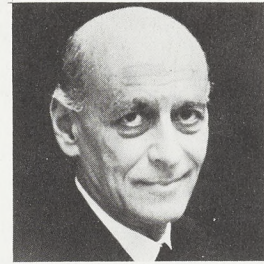
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SIR RUDOLPH BING
at OPC on Jan. 11

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Sir Rudolph's recent autobiography, "5000 Nights at the Opera" is on the best seller lists and his appearance at the OPC is expected to attract a capacity audience.

The book, which has had great acclaim, presents many fascinating and little known stories not only of opera stars, but of various clashes that Sir Rudolph has had with the Met's members of the board of directors, labor leaders and the press. There will be a question and answer period following the discussion.

The cocktail reception will start at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30, with book discussion starting at 8:30 p.m.

Make reservations by calling Mary Novick at 581-8700.

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NEW LOOK: The Eye, Pinkerton's quarterly, under the aegis of **Ralph Salazar**, who is also resplendent these days in a smart red blazer... Georgeson & Co., with **Mary Louise Holton** as account executive in the firm's investor relations division. She was recently editorial director of the Vera Institute of Justice.

OF MICE & GHOSTS: **Elizabeth Fagg Olds** in November Smithsonian Magazine with "Cowboy Ghosts Feel At Home at Texas Museum," about a Lubbock, Tex., project to preserve early ranching history. She now resides with husband and daughter in Washington, D.C.... **Alan Levy's** "The Mice of Silent Night" in Christmas issue of Seventeen. And in reverse condensation, Levy's crime story of an Austrian jail-break (Oct. 7 Sat. Rev.) appears at thrice SR length in Dec. *Das Beste*, the German Reader's Digest.

KUDOS: Top award in the TWA 35th Annual Writing, Photo & Broadcast competition — aviation development category — to OPC past VP **Ansel E. (Ed) Talbert** for his six-article series on supersonic flight developments in American Traveler publications. Talbert mc'd the recent Adventurers Club's annual dinner honoring Astronaut Ed Mitchell, first person to conduct ESP experiments in space... Publication of **Li Ling-Ai's** *Life is for a Long Time* finds her all over the air waves: with Lee Graham of WNYC, Barbara Louckes of WELI, Joe Franklin of WOR and Jean Coberg of Hartford's WTIC. Upcoming, Gloria Vanderbilt's Boston news show. **Irene Corbally Kuhn** covered the book for Columbia Features. Next stop: Honolulu, for a special book reception in connection with Hawaii's annual Narcissus Festival

INTERNATIONAL DATE LINES: Gennadi Shiskkin, Bureau chief of TASS, and Harry Freeman, bureau manager, lunching in the grill with **Wilma Dobie** and her Overseas Jazz Club retinue — and Sam Wooding and Rae Harrison, jazz artists. Object: to involve Russian jazz musicians in Wooding's Feb. 14 OJC twilight concert. Wooding first to take American jazz to Russia. That gig was in 1926.

BOOKSHELF: **Alden Todd's** *Finding Facts Fast* from William & Morrow & Co., an instructional guide to practical, time-saving research meth-

ods, showing how to develop ability to gather information at all levels. Todd has taught research techniques at NYU since 1966. His new book has honeyed blurbs from Alvin Toffler of *Future Shock* fame and from Robert Donovan of the LA Times. You can afford it at \$5.95.

CHECKING IN: **David Resnick** from several assignments in Israel, including interviews with Ben Gurion, Golda Meir & other officials, saw "enthusiasm and unity of purpose... & remarkable advances since his last visit eight years ago."... Ad and **Will Oursler** from swing through southeast US to New Orleans, during which they discovered General/Pres. Jackson's dynamic wife & the dynamics of Preservation Hall jazz... **Kurt Lassen**, alive and well, from Phillipsburgh, N.J., in town interviewing celebrities for his & Columbia Syndicate's Under Twenty, the oldest of the teen-age columns.

JESSIE STEARNS REPORTS: "Blue slate" of National Press Club won only two of seven slots open for coming year. Hot contest between Administration & Independents. Donald R. Larrabee, owner of Griffin-Larrabee News Bureau elected president, defeating L. Edgar Prina, Copley News Service, 299 votes to 252. Other electees: Clyde La Motte, vice president; Jack Cleland, secretary; George A. Embrey, treasurer; Jack Germond, financial secretary; Don Byrne and Rupert Welch, board of governors. Larrabee & Germond were administration candidates.

Other Washington contests: Robert Roth, Philadelphia Bulletin Washington columnist, elected president of the all-male Gridiron Club for coming year.

JAZZ CLUB 'TWILIGHTER'

The Overseas Jazz Club will usher in its 1973 season with a Twilight Concert on Monday, January 8 at the Club. The featured artist will be David Amram, composer and French horn artist, supported by Pepper Adams, baritone sax; Al Harewood, drums; and Herb Bushler, bass. The event was planned by *Wilma Dobie*, jazz chairman.

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